

Legislature - Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office

	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 ESTIMATE	FY 2024 BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	0.0	12.0	12.0
Personal Services	0	992,500	992,500
Employee Related Expenditures	0	376,300	376,300
Professional and Outside Services	0	14,000	14,000
Travel - In State	0	400	400
Travel – Out of State	0	0	0
Other Operating Expenditures	0	96,000	96,000
Equipment	0	37,000	37,000
AGENCY TOTAL	0	1,516,200	1,516,200 ^{1/2/3/4/}
FUND SOURCES			
General Fund	0	1,516,200	1,516,200
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	0	1,516,200	1,516,200
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	0	1,516,200	1,516,200

AGENCY DESCRIPTION - The Ombudsman-Citizens Aide Office assists persons with a complaint about the actions of a state administrator, agency, department, board or commission. The office investigates, seeks resolution between the parties, and reports to the Legislature about such complaints. The office also has special charges to investigate Department of Child Safety actions as well as complaints about Empowerment Scholarship Accounts or the violation of public access laws.

FOOTNOTES

- 1/ This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 2/ The legislature intends that the ombudsman-citizens aide prioritize investigating and processing complaints relating to the department of child safety. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 3/ The operating budget includes \$137,500 and 1 FTE position to address complaints relating to the administration of the Arizona empowerment scholarship account program established by section 15-2402, Arizona Revised Statutes. (General Appropriation Act footnote)
- 4/ General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum by Agency.

Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$1,516,200 and 12 FTE Positions from the General Fund in FY 2024 for the operating budget. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2023.

The FY 2023 budget appropriated monies to the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide as an individual legislative agency rather than as a single line item in the Legislative Council budget. The FY 2022 actuals are reported in the Legislative Council narrative.